

1	2	3	4
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	210.71	77
8.	Karnataka	713.72	82
9.	Kerala	1221.43	720
10.	Madhya Pradesh	287.53	470
11.	Maharashtra	338.62	1099
12.	Manipur	2.08	2
13.	Meghalaya	0.26	1
14.	Orissa	1097.02	1497
15.	Punjab	22.31	15
16.	Rajasthan	90.00	33
17.	Tamil Nadu	5613.40	3701
18.	Tripura	52.20	6
19.	Uttar Pradesh	1178.30	9
20.	West Bengal	1550.76	2204
Total		15108.42	11283

Export of Agricultural Products

*490 DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSHMARIA:

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agricultural products exported during each of the last three years, till-date;

(b) the details of the items which fetched highest earnings through export and which brought the lowest earnings during the above period, country-wise;

(c) the items for which the export has decreased alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the export of agricultural products during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The exports of agricultural and allied products excluding tea, coffee, raw cotton and marine products during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (April-Feb. '97) were Rs. 7533 Crores, Rs. 7049 Crores, Rs. 13337 Crores and Rs. 13720 Crores respectively.

The major items exported include Rice (basmati and non-basmati), Wheat, Tobacco (manufactured and unmanufactured), Spices, Cashew, Guar gum meal, Groundnut, Oil meals, Horticultural and floricultural products, and meat and meat preparations.

(b) Under the Harmonised System of Indian Trade Classification (6 digit level) the items which fetched the highest and lowest export earnings during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Export Earnings	
	Highest	Lowest
1. 1993-94	Oil Meals	Wheat
2. 1994-95	Oil Meals	Coarse Grains
3. 1995-96	Non Basmati Rice	Coarse Grains
4. 1996-97	Oil Meals	Coarse Grains

(Source: DGCI & S, Calcutta)

The details of country-wise exports are available in the Annual Number of the Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI & S) Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) The exports of some of the items falling under the agricultural and allied products groups have shown a mixed trend. The exports of various agricultural commodities depend upon varieties traded, prices, consumer preferences and international demand and supply position.

(d) Steps taken to enhance export of agricultural and allied products include simplification of inspection procedures, removal of minimum export price and quantity restrictions on selected items, provision of concessional credit, product development to meet international needs, extension of benefits available under the scheme of EOUs/EPZs to agriculture sector and permitting 50% sale in the domestic tariff area, assistance to exporters for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control, air freight subsidy on export of selected horticultural, floricultural products and fresh vegetables to identified destinations, promoting export of identified products through brand promotion campaigns, arranging buyer-seller meets and participation in inter-national fairs/exhibitions.

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Funds for NCES

*491. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL:

SHRI R.L.P. VERMA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated in the Central Budget and foreign investment made for the development of 'Non-Conventional Energy Sources Sector' during each of the last three years and the areas thereof, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of energy generated during the above period, year-wise, State-wise;